

### **REMARKS**

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1, 3, 6-7, 9-13 and 24-32 are currently pending in the application, as amended. Claims 1 and 26 have been amended to more particularly point out and define the shape of the picket within the rail. Additionally, claim 26 has been amended to clarify the structure of the rail. Support for the amendment to claims 1 and 26 can be found in at least paragraph [0040] and Figs. 5, 6a, 6b and 9a. Claims 3 and 6 have been amended to be consistent with the amendments to claim 1 and claims 27-29 have been amended to be consistent with the amendments to claim 26. Claim 7 has been amended to more particularly define the internal wall. Support for this amendment can be found in at least paragraph [0041] and Figs. 6a, 6b, 7b, 7c and 7d. Claims 3, 6, 9-13, 24, 25 and 27-29 have been amended to replace the leading word "A" with the word "The". New claim 30- 32 have been added. Support for new claims 30-32 can be found in at least paragraph [0046] and Figs. 6a, 6b, 7b, 7c and 7d. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

This Amendment is being simultaneously filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

### ***Telephone Interview***

Interview Summary OK

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The present Amendment is being filed based upon a telephone interview conducted between Applicant's attorney John Hemmer and the Examiner on February 14, 2008. As a result of the telephone interview, the Examiner agreed that present invention included structure not disclosed by the cited references. The Examiner stated that he would consider language that more clearly defined the structure of the device. The undersigned, John Hemmer and the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview.

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102***

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9-13, 25, 26 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,357,681 (Souza). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in view of the amendments to the claims.